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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH TO HONORARY CONSULS' LUNCHEON

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ADDERLEY ADDRESSED THE MONTHLY HONORARY CONSULS' LUNCHEON ON JUNE 9 TO WHICH AMBASSADOR, BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND JAMAICAN ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER WERE INVITED. THE SUBJECT OF HIS ADDRESS WAS GCOB FOREIGN RELATIONS.

2. POINTS MADE BY ADDERLEY WERE:

A) GCOB FOLLOWED POLICY OF KEEPING FOREIGN AFFAIRS OUT OF DOMESTIC POLITICS.

B) IN PART AS A RESULT OF A, BUT EQUALLY IN RESPONSE TO GCOB INTERESTS, FOREIGN POLICY LINES WERE ESSENTIALLY "CONSERVATIVE" IN NATURE.

C) THIS HAS MEANT DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH WASHINGTON, LONDON AND UN. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, IN QUOTING RECENT SPEECH WHICH I HAD MADE IN NASSAU THAT, AS I HAD POINTED OUT, GCOB MADE IT A POINT OF EXPLICIT POLICY NOT REPEAT NOT TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH IDEOLOGICAL BLOCS. THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT WHERE THERE WAS AN AFFINITY OF PURPOSE AND INTEREST THAT GCOB WOULD NOT JOIN RANKS, BUT RATHER THAT

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THEY WOULD NOT DO SO ON PURELY IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS.

D) CONSISTENT WITH THE PREVIOUS POINTS, GCOB DID FEEL THE NEED FOR CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER CARIBBEAN STATES AND ONLY LACK OF RESOURCES PRECLUDED ITS ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSIES IN THOSE STATES.

E) CUBA REPRESENTED A SPECIAL CASE IN THAT IT WAS LARGEST, CLOSEST NEIGHBOR TO GCOB. REESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WAS BASED ON THOSE CONSIDERATIONS AND NOT IDEOLOGICAL ONES.

F) GCOB TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE WAS SIMPLIFIED IN FOREIGN POLICY FIELD SINCE AS A PRACTICAL MATTER GCOB WAS LARGELY INDEPENDENT OF UK FOR LAST 200 YEARS. "IT SIMPLY TOOK BRITISH UNTIL JULY 10, 1973 TO RECOGNIZE THAT REALITY."

G) FINALLY, ONE OF LARGEST PROBLEMS FACING THE GCOB, ASIDE FROM LACK OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES, WAS LACK OF TRAINED PERSONNEL. THIS WAS POINT WHICH HE, ADDERLEY, WAS PERSONALLY SPENDING CONSIDERABLE AMOUNTS OF HIS TIME WORKING ON.
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